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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the July 24, 2008 Final Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants are filing this response within the shortened statutory period, *i.e.*, on or before September 24, 2008. Thus, this reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.